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Hongkong, April 7, 1893. 1433

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CHANTREY INCHBALD,
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Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

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Hongkong, January 7, 1893. 47

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,
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FOR ELEGANT BOARDERS AND VACATION
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Hongkong, July 4, 1892. 1004

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PIANOS of MAESTRO GATTANEO, *In Aid of the Furnishing of THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL (SUPPLEMENTARY to the ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL), at present in course of erection.*

Sr. ANDREW'S HALL.

POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW, the 13th April.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1.—Opening Chorus, Sing Pretty Maiden, Sing Romania and Chorus, Mrs. J. McCullum, Mrs. Muir, and Ladies & Gentlemen Amateurs.

2.—Aria for Bass, Dileperia sen Vada—Les Huguenots, by Meyerbeer.

3.—Aria for Contralto, One far—Orfeo and Euridice, by Gluck.

4.—Piano Solo, Miss Carolina de Souza.

5.—Grand Aria and Can-
tistica for Soprano, La Traviata, by Miss E. Carvalho.

6.—Arias for Baritone, Un Ballo in Maschera, by Verdi.

7.—Arioso Allegro for Soprano, Il Puritano, by Bellini.

8.—Aria for Bass, Mt. C. Holliday and Chorus, by A. and Ladies & Gentlemen Amateurs.

Part II.

1.—Aria for Soprano, Miss E. Carvalho and Miserere for Soprano, Tenor, and Chorus—Il Trovatore, by Verdi.

2.—Aria for Soprano, Roberto il Diavolo, by Meyerbeer.

3.—Aria for Tenor, Gomma Sleep, Ivanhoe, by Sullivan.

4.—Waltz, From the Pacific, for Violin and Piano, by A. Castan.

5.—Habaneras and Bolero, for Soprano, by Yradier and Adell.

6.—Aria for Tenor, Salvo di Gondolo, Faust.

7.—Grand Aria, Bass, Macbeth, Seconde, by Rossini.

8.—Duet for Soprano and Contralto, Stabat Mater, by Rossini. [NO ENCORES.]

Tickets, Two Dollars each, may be had from Mr. BREWER, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and Messrs. MOURIER, ROBINSON & CO. Hongkong, April 12, 1893.

A S S A U L T - A T - A E M S
AT THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB,
On FRIDAY, the 14th April,
Commencing at 5.45 p.m.

PROGRAMME:

Horizontal Bar, Indian Club Exercises, Parallel Bars, Indian Wrestling, Vaulting Horse, Blondin Redivivus, Rope Climbing.

BOXING—LIGHT, MIDDLE, and HEAVY WEIGHT.

CHAMPION FENCING COMPETITION (Final Bout) for Silver Cup presented by the Committee.

LINGUISTIC GYMNASTICS by the LION COMIQUE, accompanied with A TERRIBLE TUMBLER TUSCLE by the FANTASTIC PALAWANS.

Non-Members—Admission, \$1.00.

Tickets may be obtained from the Steward, Hongkong, April 7, 1893.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Mr. H. E. Weddhouse, at the Magistrate's, to-day sentenced a hawker to four months' imprisonment for stealing ten incense-burners of the value of \$50 from the Hing Sing temple at Apilachan on 3rd inst.

At the Magistracy to-day a Chinaman was sentenced by Mr. Weddhouse to six weeks' imprisonment for having in his possession a number of counterfeit Singapore 10 and 20-cent pieces.

A Chinese hawker was brought before Mr. Weddhouse at the Magistracy to-day, charged with selling betel on board the steamer *Centaur*. He was fined \$50, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment. When he observed Detective Sergeant Green on the deck of the steamer, he threw four bottles of beer overboard.

At a meeting of the members of the medical profession, held at Manila the night of the 27th ult., it was resolved to send a petition to the metropolitan government, through that of Manila, for the establishment of a Medical Academy in Manila. Drs. Agustin Nalda and Agustin Maseras are the foremost in this movement.

This is an announcement in one of our Manila contemporaries that an Italian opera company, composed of thirty artists, and under the direction of the distinguished singer Mr. L. Balfiore, was to leave Geneva on the 23rd ultime for Batavia, where they will remain for a season, and about the end of this year they will pay a visit to Manila. It is not improbable that they will come to Hongkong, via Singapore, before their trip to the Philippines. It is now a long time since this Colony has been visited by an Italian opera company, and we doubt not that a really good company would meet with a fair amount of public support.

YESTERDAY morning, a portion of the roof of the house at Giesbach known as Buranra, occupied by Mr. J. S. Laprak and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Laprak, fell in, doing considerable damage. The joists had been eaten by white ants. Mr. J. D. Laprak and his wife had narrowly escaped. He was awakened by a crashing noise, and rose to see what was the matter. Under the impression that it was only the noise of rats he had heard, he returned to bed, but the noise continuing he aroused his father and both went outside their bedrooms. They had scarcely done so when the roof collapsed, falling into the bedroom and wrecking the furniture. The escape was a fortunate one, for had the accident occurred five minutes sooner it is doubtful if the occupants would have escaped alive.

A CELEBRATED Chinese conjuror, from Peking, will give performances at the City Hall next Friday and Saturday evenings. He is a master in the 'Black Art'—judging by some samples of his skill which were given at a private's party last night—and will astonish those who go to see him. What will probably strike foreigners as most remarkable in his sleight of hand feats is the fact that he performs the most difficult and astonishing of these almost entirely without the aid of paraphernalia. Last night he confined himself chiefly to the task of creating substantial things out of nothing, which he did to the complete bewilderment of the spectators. He is accompanied by his son, a little boy, who performs some wonderful juggling and acrobatic feats. The public entertainment promises to be of a most interesting character.

Miss Brown Potter has a passionate yearning for the 'Gorgeous East.' She gives expression to a 'yearn' in a letter to Major Twining, who was recently in India with Mrs. Shaw, the whistling lady. The prosaic Twining, who sees puns in the cawing brooks, 'favourable notices' in stories and advertisements in everything, sends the 'yearn' with some preliminary observations to the papers, and this is how it reads:—'I have been acknowledged as the best artist living that America can claim; but I am miserably unhappy. The life is too hard—up at 6 a.m., travelling and playing. It is not art in this country—if it is not the survival of the fittest, but the toughest. Oh, give me dear beautiful India, with its cultivated people, its romance, its colour. All and everything in that clime appeals to my nature, and thousands and thousands of times I feel inclined to cry, "Oh for the wings of a dove." I know I say this to a sympathetic listener. I want to be India's dramatic child. . . . Our *Cleopatra* production is beautiful, and I want to send it direct to you at the *Corinthian*. With respect to the announcement in the last sentence, Mr. Twining states that Mrs. Potter and Mr. Kyte Bell will commence a season in Calcutta in October, and that *Cleopatra* will be the finest production that India has ever seen. Mr. Twining also makes the surprising statement that attempts have been made to induce Mr. Bell to leave the stage, but so far without success. Mr. Bell is looking upon the profession as a high calling.'

The *trampolique* *Tyne*, 2, 3,500 tons, 1,100 horse-power, Commander George N. A. Pollard, arrived at Sheerness on March 5 from Malta, on her return from the conveyance of troops to Egypt. The *Tyne* had a very boisterous passage during the first portion of the voyage home. The Admiralty have issued orders for the *Tyne* to be prepared for sea without delay for a voyage to Hongkong with new stores. Mr. Bell and *Pergo*, and *Sperto*, which are to be reconditioned for a further term of service on the China Station.

Since the premiere of 'Balustaf,' Verdi has received over 15,000 letters or telegrams of congratulation. Not the least welcome was a telegram from the Austrian Emperor. Signor Boito, the librettist, received for the book £200 down, and a great part of it was adapted from Shakespeare, he certainly was not illiberally paid.

A book which should be well worth reading, should it come to be written (says a London paper), will be the adventure of St. Francis and Lady Elizabet, who, in their flight from St. Louis, have saved Liberalis and Imperia, where the natives are still said to favour cannibalism. When last heard of they were setting out for Bandamunah by a journey through the bush. Lady Elizabet will be the only white woman who has travelled in this region.

The Times correspondent telegraphed on the 9th ult., from Cairo:—'Baz Pasha is steadily tightening the reins of personal government, and the result is seen in a stoppage of the progress of reform, which is equivalent to retrogression. Baz Pasha is hardworking, independent, and consistent, from a desire to increase power personally, and to refer to himself in whatever might be left to subordinate officials in cases where action is required delay counts which are fatal to success. His conservative and anti-European policy renders him hostile to new measures, and, instead of strengthening established English institutions, his policy is to weaken the action and influence of the officials appointed to promote them.'

The secretary of General Wang Chih-fang, commanding the forces in the Pescadores, who arrived the day before yesterday, at this port, called upon a member of our staff to-day (says the *Standard*) to give him the news that the gallant general was exceedingly surprised and gratified to receive a present of a gold chronometer watch and double-barrelled fowling-piece on the 11th of March last from the Committee of the 'Bokhara Fund' in acknowledgement of his kindness and attention to the wants of the survivors of that sad accident at the Pescadores, and who doubtless would be pleased to learn that his feelings with reference to the pleasant surprise had been made known to his European and his especially English friends through the columns of this paper.

A car propelled by a petroleum naptha motor has been running experimentally through the less frequented streets of Berlin suburbs. It is not a new invention, but was already seen at Munich exhibition in 1888. The firm which brought it out in Germany—assert that they have made improvements in the motor, which is fit for practical use. The motor car says the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News*, are three-wheeled, and can carry only two persons, the driver included. Behind the seat is a sort of boot which contains a petroleum naptha motor of nearly two horse-power. The explosive mixture of petroleum, gas, and air, which is the moving power, is ignited by an electric apparatus. The inventors assert that on a good road a speed of about eleven miles an hour can be obtained. The price of such a car is £500. It looks like a large two-seated Bath chair.

The Athletic Sports Committee will be in a bad way next year if no generous-hearted, open-handed residents come forward to present them with some Challenge Cups. On Saturday, no less than three cups were won outright. Landau took the Douglas quarter-mile cup and the Mody 100 yards' cup; and Godge the mile cup, for which Burdon, with a fine style, got through his men in fine style, and won by four yards, but he never did the distance in 21s. sec., which is record given by the official timeskeeper. Harry Hutchins, the famous professional sprinter, just got inside 21s. sec., which is record, both for amateur and professional.

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